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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: MECHANISM AND METHOD FOR
SPECIFIED TEMPORAL DEPLOYMENT
OF RULES WITHIN A RULE SERVER

Group Art Unit: 2183

Examiner: Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to a substantive examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph three on page 1 to page 2 with the following:

--A typically rules-based approach employs one or more sets of rules ("rulesets") that define actions or results that occur upon specified input values or parameters. A rule server is a

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(37 C.F.R. §1.8a)

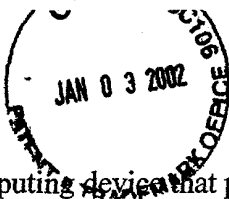
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computing device that performs the functionality of applying a set of rules to a given set of input values or parameters. An exemplary rules-based product embodying this approach is the Blaze Advisor™ product available from HNC Software, Inc. of San Diego, California.--

REMARKS

No fees are believed to be due by the Applicant; however, if any fees are due, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. 12-2475 any required fees due under 37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

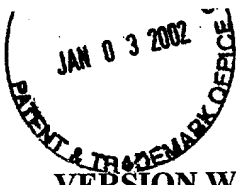
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:

In the Specification:

Paragraph three starting on page 1:

[0003] A typically rules-based approach employs one or more sets of rules ("rulesets") that define actions or results that occur upon specified input values or parameters. A rule server is a computing device that performs the functionality of applying a set of rules to a given set of input values or parameters. An exemplary rules-based product embodying this approach is the Blaze Advisor™ product available from [Brokat Technologies, Inc.] HNC Software, Inc. of San Diego[Jose], California.